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The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has been investigating potential radioactive slag contamination in the subsurface soils associated with three properties located in Niagara County: a residential driveway, a cemetery access road in Lewiston, NY and a bowling alley/wholesale building materials property on Niagara Falls Blvd, Niagara Falls, New York.

It is believed that these materials were used in the 1950s in construction as fill material at all three locations. The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) have conducted their own studies of the sites. In 2013, New York State referred these three locations to EPA for further investigation.

EPA conducted soil sampling activities at these locations back in December 2013 to determine if they would qualify for placement on EPA's National Priorities List (NPL). Those completed assessments indicated that none of the sites would be eligible for inclusion on the NPL.

However, two of the three sites (the cemetery and the bowling alley/wholesale property) did qualify for further assessment through the EPA Removal Program. EPA will be conducting some additional radiological survey/sampling activities at the bowling alley/wholesale building materials property in Niagara Falls, NY this week in an effort to further characterize any contamination that may be located at this site. The results of this assessment may lead to future removal activities.

It is estimated that the preliminary analytical results will be available in two to three months at which time we will provide you with an update.

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